



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Adrian NANIA  
Serial No.: 10/663,326 Confirmation No.: 3789  
Filed: September 16, 2003  
For: **STOWAGE COVER FOR A CONVERTIBLE TOP**  
Art Unit: 3612  
Examiner: Joseph Pape

July 1, 2004

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including three replacement sheets containing amended Figs. 1, 5, and 6 is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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to recite that the stowage cover is moveable between the covering and stored position "using the connecting apparatus." Applicants submit that the phrase "connecting apparatus" is sufficiently described structurally in the Application, for example, at paragraphs 0007 and 0025.

Applicant has also amended claim 17 to add the trunk lid and to recite that the intermediate panel is supported on the trunk lid. In addition to correcting informalities by changing "am" to --an--, Applicant also removed a double period at the end and changed "the storage cover" to --a storage cover--. Claim 8 was amended to be consistent with the changes to claim 1 and claim 9 was amended to change its dependency to claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 17 have overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

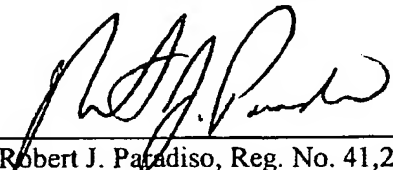
**F. New Claim 20:**

Applicant has also added new independent claim 20 and submits that it is patentably distinct from the cited prior art.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel that an interview would advance prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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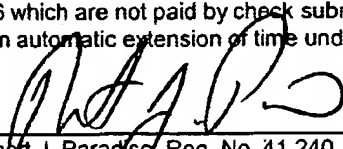
Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action** (11 pages) in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus 3	=		0	x \$ 43	\$		x \$ 86	\$
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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:  
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☒ Other: **Three (3) Replacement Sheets of Drawings**
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover:  
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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